

# MINISTRY FORMATION - DIOCESE OF ROCKFORD

## “CHRISTOLOGY”

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**Class Dates 2019:** September 7 (McHenry), 14 (Aurora), 21 (Rockford), 28 (Stockton)

### **Required Text:**

*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1997.

### **General Class Information:**

This class deals with an introduction into the topic of Christology. This topic itself is about what we as Catholics believe about who Christ is and the implications of this belief for our lived experience of Christianity. It seeks to not only discuss what we believe about Jesus, but why we believe what we do. Throughout history Christianity has been shaped by how we answer basic questions about Jesus' identity and mission. This course introduces us into these central beliefs.

### **Scope and Themes of Class:**

We will begin looking at who Jesus is by examining portions of the Scriptural portraits of his life and ministry. From here we will look at some of the historical controversies which arose regarding his identity and the Church's response to these controversies. We will be paying special attention to the early ecumenical councils and great theologians whose thought helped solidify the Church's teaching through the last 2000 years.

### **Class Expectations:**

Respectful participation is expected. Questions are encouraged so long as they are relevant to the topics being discussed. Assigned reading to be completed.

### **Pre-Class Reading/Work:**

*Reading:* CCC 422-483 (required) - CCC 484-682 (recommended)

*Written Work:* Complete the T/F pre-class quiz and bring it with you to class.

### **Assignment:**

A take home exam will be given in class. Students have one week to complete it.